

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2008 which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-5 and 8-16 remain in the Application where claims 3, 6-7 and 13 had been previously canceled. Claims 1, 9 and 12 are independent.

In the Office Action, claims 1-2, 5, 8-9, 11-12 and 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. 6,310,589 (Nishigaki) in view of U.S. 2002/0005696 (Yamazaki) and U.S. 2003/0117082 (Tam). Further, claims 4 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Nishigaki, Yamazaki and Tam in view of U.S. 6,469,455 (Inoue). It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-2 and 4-16 are patentable over Nishigaki, Yamazaki, Tam and Inoue for at least the following reasons.

The rejected claims are patentable over Nishigaki, Yamazaki,

Tam and Inoue at least because those references, taken individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest all the elements recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 9 and 12, which requires for example (illustrative emphasis provided):

an output is directly connected via a first switch to a controlling connection of the driving transistor and wherein the second input is connected to a second switch for allowing a control charge on a capacitor connected to the second input to control the amplifier for maintaining a current provided to the picture element during a hold period after selection of the picture element.

An amplifier with an output is directly connected via a first switch to a controlling connection of the driving transistor, and a second input connected to a second switch for allowing a control charge on a capacitor connected to the second input to control the amplifier for maintaining a current is nowhere discloses or suggested in Nishigaki, Yamazaki, Tam and Inoue, alone or in combination. Rather, Tam merely shows in FIG 3 at least a capacitor C_1 connected to the output of an amplifier via a transistor T_4 .


Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that independent

claims 1, 9 and 12 are allowable. In addition, claims 2, 4-8, 10-11 and 13-16 are allowable at least because they depend from independent claims 1, 9 and 12, as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the dependent claims.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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